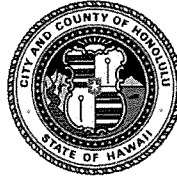


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Good afternoon Chair Kobayashi and members of the Committee. My name is Chuck Totto and I am the Executive Director and Legal Counsel for the Honolulu Ethics Commission. The Commission is attached to the Department of Corporation Counsel for administrative purposes only.

The Commission's requested FY2013-2014 budget is \$361,843. This reflects an increase of \$79,274, or 28%, over the allocated FY2013 budget. The increase results from additional funds for the salary of a full time staff investigator (\$45,576) and for other professional services (\$31,717), which includes money for hearings officers and transcription, investigative and audit services.

The increase in funding is partly due to the continuing climb in the number of complaints requiring investigation -- about a 55% percent increase from FY2012 to FY2013. Also, by the end of FY2014, all 8,500 city employees and officers should have received ethics training. As a result of the training, we anticipate at least an additional 50% increase over FY2013 in the number of requests for advice and complaints investigated.

I am happy to answer any questions. Thank you.